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THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

The American Council of Learned Societies is a private non-profit federation of thirty national scholarly organizations concerned with the humanities and the humanistic aspects of the social sciences.

The object of the American Council of Learned Societies, as set forth in its constitution, is "the advancement of humanistic studies in all fields of learning and the maintenance and strengthening of relations among the national societies devoted to such studies."

The Council was organized in 1919 and incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1924. Its principal support comes from the philanthropic foundations, supplemented, on occasion, by government contracts for specific enterprises.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR 1960-61

General Information

The Council's programs of fellowships and grants, with the exception of Grants for Summer Study in Linguistics, are designed to advance research. The fields of specialization included in them are: philosophy (including the philosophy of law and science), aesthetics; philology, languages, literature, and linguistics; archaeology; art history and musicology; history (including the history of science, law, and religions); cultural anthropology; and folklore. Programs with a humanistic emphasis in economics, geography, political science, psychology, sociology, and the natural sciences will also be considered. Competitions are not restricted to members of academic faculties.

The opportunities described in this announcement are made possible by grants from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

In addition to the general programs for fellowships and grants-in-aid exclusively within the province of the ACLS six programs for area studies are conducted under the joint sponsorship of the ACLS and the Social Science Research Council. Two of these are administered by the ACLS: Grants for Research on Asia and Grants for Slavic and East European Studies. Four are administered by the SSRC. These embrace Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Latin American Studies, African Studies, and Studies on Contemporary China. Communications should be addressed to the administering Council.

To Prospective Applicants: Please Read Carefully

In all of the programs except that for Grants for Summer Study in Linguistics applicants are required to have the doctorate or its equivalent, and to be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Canada. ("Equivalent" may be taken to mean scholarly maturity as demonstrated by professional experience and publications.) The Fellowship program is the only one that imposes an age limitation.

Candidates should apply on their own behalf.

Deadlines for the receipt of applications are given in the descriptions of the several programs.

In requesting application forms the prospective applicant should state age, citizenship or permanent residence, academic or other position, field of specialization, proposed subject of research, and the specific award program under which an application is contemplated.

Applications should be made under one program only. If the proposed research lies within the scope of one of the joint (ACLS-SSRC) area programs, the applications should be so directed.

The executive officers reserve the right to transfer an application from one program to another.

Limitations

The ACLS is unable to offer the following types of assistance:

Fellowships or scholarships for undergraduate students, or for graduate students, except as provided under Summer Study Aids in Linguistics.

Grants for curricular or other studies directed toward the improvement of education.

Grants for the preparation or revision of textbooks.

Travel grants for lecturing or teaching or for attendance at learned society meetings in the United States.

FELLOWSHIPS

The ACLS Fellowships are designed to provide opportunities for scholars to engage in research in the humanities. The tenure of the fellowships is for one year, beginning any time between July 1 and October 1, 1961. A candidate must have the doctorate or its equivalent and must not be over 45 years of age as of October 31, 1960. He must be able to devote at least six months to full-time concentration on his project.

Stipends do not exceed $7,000 each. Awards are intended primarily for the provision of free time, although amounts for travel, for clerical or research assistance, or for reproduction or purchase of materials are allowable.

The deadline for receipt of applications is October 31, 1960. Awards will be announced within three months after the deadline.

GRANTS-IN-AID

The purpose of Grants-in-Aid is to provide funds in support of significant humanistic research. The grant will be available to the recipient at any time within one year following the announcement of the award, and it must be expended within a year after its receipt. Grants are to be used exclusively for research and for *personal* expenses related to individual research. Such expenses may include travel necessary to gain access to materials (including personal maintenance), research or clerical assistance, reproduction or purchase of materials. Grants will not be made for expenses, direct or indirect, of dependents, either for travel or maintenance. Stipends will not exceed $2,000 each.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are October 10, 1960 or February 15, 1961. Awards will be announced within ten weeks after the respective deadlines.

GRANTS FOR SUMMER STUDY IN LINGUISTICS

Grants for Summer Study in Linguistics are designed to further the training of, or to attract into the study of linguistic science, younger scholars of high competence and to enhance the scientific training of language teachers, especially that of teachers of English as a foreign language abroad. It is anticipated that these grants will be used for attendance at the Summer Institute sponsored by the Linguistic Society of America or at other institutions where a wide summer offering of theoretical and applied linguistics is to be available. The host institution for the 1961 Linguistic Institute will be chosen during the summer of 1960.

The A.B. degree is a minimum requirement, but students who are expecting to receive this degree in June 1961 will be eligible. Applications are solicited from: (1) present or prospective language teachers, especially of English as a foreign language abroad, who wish to strengthen their professional training by work in linguistics and in the application of linguistics to language teaching; (2) students in linguistics or related fields who wish to supplement the offerings of their home institutions; (3) others whose activities make the study of linguistic science especially pertinent or necessary. *Grants are not made for the study of specific foreign languages, except as part of over-all linguistic programs.*

Stipends will be based on need and will be for university fees and tuition, subsistence, travel in the continental United States or Canada, and other essential costs. Tenure will be during the summer of 1961.

The deadline for receipt of applications is March 15, 1961. Awards will be announced within six weeks after the deadline.

AREA PROGRAMS UNDER JOINT ACLS-SSRC SPONSORSHIP

ACLS Administration

Grants for Research on Asia

These grants have as their purpose the provision of opportunities for research in the humanities and social sciences relating to East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Polynesia, Melanesia, and Micronesia are not included. Grants may range from relatively small sums for domestic travel, analysis of data, research assistance, and maintenance for periods of from three to six months to amounts sufficient for a year's research, including, if necessary, travel abroad of dependents and maintenance in lieu of salary. Application may be made for funds to supplement sabbatical salaries or awards from other sources.

Tenure is during the year following acceptance of the award.

A candidate must be a mature scholar who has already made a significant contribution to Asian studies or who has established competence in a social science or humanistic field and wishes to equip himself for research on Asian problems. Subsidies for publication are not available, nor, except in extraordinary circumstances, can the cost of travel to Asia for field research for periods of less than six months be provided.

The deadline for receipt of applications is December 12, 1960. Awards will be announced within ten weeks after this date.

Grants for Slavic and East European Studies

Grants are offered to mature scholars, not candidates for degrees, for research in the social sciences or in the humanities relating to the U.S.S.R., the Baltic states, Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania, and Yugoslavia. One of the aims of the program is to aid scholars whose normal places of work are remote from the centers of study of these areas. Grants may range from small sums for domestic travel or research expenses for short periods of time to amounts sufficient for a year's research including maintenance in lieu of salary. Grants for foreign travel may be considered only in exceptional cases in which they would assist in carrying out specific research for which the period of residence would be adequate.

A small number of grants to individuals may be made to subsidize the publication of research monographs or other book-length manuscripts that embody the results of research in this field and that have been accepted by publishers, but cannot be published without subvention. Each application must be accompanied by a letter from the publisher stating the amount of subsidy required. Where feasible, the Council will hope to negotiate a provision for repayment of the subsidy from royalties.

Travel grants may also be offered to American specialists in Slavic and East European studies to attend international congresses or conferences in these fields. The general rules specified on page 7 for the program of Travel Grants to International Congresses Abroad will apply, except that application forms must be filled out, and these may be obtained from the ACLS on request.

Grants may be made to meet the costs of conferences held in the U. S. for the advancement of research in the Slavic and East European field. These costs may include both administrative expenses and the cost of travel and housing of participants.

The deadline for receipt of applications for research grants is December 12, 1960. Awards will be announced within ten weeks after this date. Requests for publication subsidies, for grants to support conferences, and for travel grants to international conferences may be made at any time, and will be considered as promptly as may be practical.

SSRC Administration

Grants for Research on Africa, Contemporary China, Latin America and the Near and Middle East

Plans are under consideration for proposed new programs of grants for research in the humanities and social sciences on Contemporary China and on Africa. These, like the continuing programs for Latin America and for the Near and Middle East, will be administered by the Social Science Research Council under the auspices of joint committees of the two Councils. Detailed announcement of these programs is to be made in September 1960. Correspondence concerning them should be addressed to the Social Science Research Council, 230 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York.

TRAVEL GRANTS TO INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES AND CONFERENCES ABROAD

The ACLS offers travel grants to enable American scholars in the humanities to participate in international scholarly congresses and conferences held outside the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Funds are presently available only for meetings to be held during the period July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962.

The majority of congresses and conferences for which grants are made are of primary interest to one or more of the constituent societies of the Council, and the ACLS relies upon its constituent societies for recommendations in these cases. Applicants therefore should write directly to the learned society in question.

Applications for attendance at congresses and conferences outside the scope of any specific constituent society will be received directly by the ACLS, and responsibility for choice will lie with it.

Only persons who are to read papers or take some active official part in the meetings, such as chairing a session or acting as rapporteur, will be eligible for an award.

The amount of each grant will be equivalent to the lowest available round-trip tourist or economy class air fare. Grantees will be free to make whatever plans they wish in regard to time, mode, and route of travel, but any excess cost must be met from other sources, and no allowance will be made for living expenses.

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